



SILMO ACADEMY CONGRESS





BALI – INDONESIA • HOTEL PARADISUS

6 TO 8 APRIL 2026

DAY 1 – APRIL 6TH

SESSION 1	PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST		
1–1.45 PM	Avoiding Conflict – real cases from the UK Optical Consumer Complaints Service	Richard Edwards (UK)	
1.45–2.30 PM	Supporting Neurodiverse Patients in Optometric Practice	Lana Delambre (UK)	
2.30–2.45 PM	Sponsor Presentation		
2.45–3.15 PM	Coffee break		
3.15–4 PM	Person-centred care and critical services to the ageing population – are we ready?	Prof Daniela Nosch (Switzerland)	
4–4.45 PM	Burn Out of Optical Professionals – the Changing Landscape of Employee Care	Prof Fiona Fylan (UK)	
4.45–5.15 PM	Panel Discussion	All	
EVENING	Get Together Drinks Reception – delegates, lecturers and partners		

DAY 2 – APRIL 7TH – AM

SESSION 2	HEALTHY AGEING AND PRESBYOPIA		
9–9.30 AM	Why Healthy Ageing is Important: the WHO Work Plan	Elaine Grisdale (UK)	
9.30–10.15 AM	Why is this Still in Hospital? A New (Zealand) Approach to Eye Care	Jason Dhana (NZ)	
10.15–10.30 AM	Sponsor Presentation		
10.30–11.00 AM	Coffee break		
11.0–11.45 AM	What we know about vision impairment and blindness at population level- how the Global Vision Database has transformed our knowledge of the changing contribution of different causes of vision loss over the past 30 years and emerging trends- with a particular focus on effective Refractive Error Coverage, the first eye metric to be included in the WHO's Fourteenth General Programme of Work (2025–2028).	Prof Rupert Bourne (UK)	
11.45–12.30 PM	Creating a Dementia Friendly Practice – experiences from Australia	Dr Marianne Coleman (Australia)	
12.30–1 PM	Panel Discussion	All	
1–2 PM	Lunch		





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SESSION 3	GAINING A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN PRACTICE		
2–2.45 PM	Contact lens discomfort or dry eye disease? How to tell the difference.	Prof Eric Papas (Australia)	
2.45–3.30 PM	Find Your Competitive Advantage	Stephen Caunter (NZ)	
3.30–3.45 PM	Sponsor Presentation		
3.45–4.15 PM	Coffee break		
4.15–5 PM	Innovations in Contact Lens Management of the Irregular Cornea	Dr Cindy Tromans (UK – WCO President)	
5–5.45 PM	Adapting contact lenses for children from A to Z	Philippe Seira (Switzerland)	
5.45–6.15 PM	Panel discussion	All	
EVENING	Celebration Dinner (buy tickets separately)		

DAY 3 – APRIL 8TH – AM

SESSION 4	LIGHT MANAGEMENT		
9–9.45 AM	Beyond Refraction – Building Trust	Dr Byki Huntjens (NL/UK – BCLA President)	
9.45–10.30 AM	Light and Myopia	Prof Weizhong LAN (China)	
10.30–10.45 AM	Sponsor Presentation		
10.45–11.15 AM	Coffee break		
11.15–12.00 AM	The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades	Prof David Elliott (UK)	
12.00–12.45 PM	The Optical Ecology of Childhood Vision: How Light, Distance and Behaviour Shape Refractive Development	Dr Grant Hannaford (Australia)	
12.45–1.15 PM	Panel discussion	All	
1.15–2.15 PM	Lunch		

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SESSION 5	FUTURE ADVANCES IN OPTOMETRY AND OPTICS		
2.15–3 PM	Perspectives for AI in Clinical Practice	Gabrielle Janssen (ECOO President, NL)	
3–3.45 PM	Is the Sector Ready for AI and the Smart Eyewear Revolution ?	Sebastien Brusset (France)	
3.45–4 PM	Sponsor Presentation		
4–4.30 PM	Coffee break		
4.30–5.15 PM	The evolution of medico-optometry: how med-tech in ophthalmics is disrupting the optometric paradigm	Thao Hannaford (Australia)	
5.15–6 PM	Using Technology to Revolutionise Low Vision and Hearing Solutions	Iwan Zanchetta (Switzerland)	
6–6.30 PM	Panel discussion	All	

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